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TAGS: CSCE, SHUM, PINT, UR

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KGB PROVOCATION OF GEORGIAN REFUSENIKS

REF: LONDON 9502

1. UNDER THE TITLE, "HOW THE KGB TRIED TO HOAX GEORGIAN DISSIDENTS," JULY 6 ISSUE OF THE "TIMES" CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY NOTED SCHOLAR/JOURNALIST PETER REDDAWAY ON THE MAY 21-22 APPROACH MADE TO GEORGIAN DISSIDENTS MANANA GMSAKHURDIA AND VIKTOR RTSKHILADZE BY "WILLIAM FAWCETT." (AS REPORTED REFTTEL PARA 9, MMES BECHER AND GOLDSTEIN HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO REDDAWAY A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM GRIGORIY AND ISAI GOLDSTEIN WHICH HAD

DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT.)

2. IN HIS ARTICLE, REDDAWAY DESCRIBES THE BACKGROUND OF THE "GROUO TO PROMOTE THE FULFILMENT OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS IN GEORGIA," GIVING OARTICULAR EMOHASIS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF DR. ZVIAD GMSAKHURDIA. REDDAWAY  
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NOTES THAT IN AOOROACHING MRS. GMSAKHURDIA, "WILLIAM FAWCETT" DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A CANADIAN BUSINESSMAN WHO LIVED IN TOKYO AND DID EXTENSIVE TRADE WITH THE USSR IN ELECTRONICS EQUIOMENT; IN HIS CONCLUSION, HOWEVER, REDDAWAY LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT BOTH HE AND THE GEORGIANS ARE CONVINCED THAT "WILLIAM FAWCETT" IS A KGB OROVOCATEUR.

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